

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended to clarify that the speed of the platform is adjusted in response to the position of the platform. Claims 21-27 are new.

Claims 1-8, 10-18: Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Lassanske (US4175632). Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Lassanske (US4175632) and Neagu (US4836736). Claims 19-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Lassanske (US4175632) and Daggett *et al.* (US5144211).

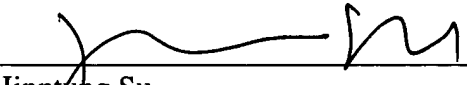
Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended to clarify that the speed of the platform is adjusted in response to the position of the platform. None of the cited references adjusts the speed of the platform in response to the position of the platform as specified by the claims. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Claims 8-20 depend from claim 7 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the objections and rejections have been addressed. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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